
**Introduced by Senators Ashburn and Vincent
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Senate Resolution No. 13—Relative to high school diplomas for adults.

1 WHEREAS, California's commitment to education has helped
2 to create one of the world's largest and most innovative economies;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, California has proven its commitment to eliminate
5 obstacles to ensure that every resident has the opportunity to
6 achieve their true potential; and
7 WHEREAS, The Legislature has created a policy that seeks to
8 eliminate barriers to education that are based on gender, race, age,
9 or personal disability; and
10 WHEREAS, The Legislature has created an education policy
11 that identifies the statewide priority for all pupils to graduate from
12 high school with a definite level of achievement; and
13 WHEREAS, Research by the United States Bureau of the
14 Census indicates that families headed by an individual without a
15 high school diploma earn on average less than \$30,000 annually,
16 which is nearly 20 percent less than the national median family
17 income, while families headed by an individual with a high school
18 diploma earn on average \$49,000 annually, which is nearly 30
19 percent above the national median family income; and
20 WHEREAS, Based on census and other data, *Education Week*
21 determined that 41 percent of California's African-American
22 pupils will not graduate from high school; now, therefore, be it



Resolved, That the current fiscal crisis does not weaken California's priority to extend and preserve the opportunity for all California students to earn their high school diploma through the public school system, which includes the charter school system; and be it further

CORRECTIONS